

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
November 3, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Eric Baca, Connie Hunt, Susan Silva and Ron Thebeau

Absent: Dan Muth

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Larisa Bogardus Community Dev., Mike Nuttall Police Chief, Officers, Ellis Hicks, Chuck Brown, David Gregory and Dennis Gilliam Animal Control Officer,

Public: Kevin Burk, Sheree Bouchee and Isabel Rollins with NACOG, Becky Christensen Chamber Dir., Crystal Steed and Steve ?

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Thebeau.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Mr. West asked the council to table item 9 and said he would pass on his report due to the items on the agenda.

Awards:

Chief Mike Nuttall presented Animal Control Officer Dennis Gilliam with a service pin for 10 years of service to the town. He said Dennis was a dedicated employee who goes above and beyond saying that Dennis is involved with Special Olympics and is number 1 in the State for raising funds for Special Olympics.

Dennis accepted the pin thanking everyone for the opportunity to work for the Town stating it's been an honor and privilege.

Manager West announced that Melissa Knotts is a little shy about being present to accept her 5 year service pin.

Council Member Hunt reported on the Family Values Coalition meeting saying they would be lighting the Star on Flat Top Hill on Friday the day before the Christmas Light Parade. They have volunteers that hike up the hill 2 and one half miles with 5 gallons of gasoline each night to light the star. They are looking for volunteers to hike up each night. They talked about having bell ringers for the holidays and making sure that each

religion tells their congregations that all the money will stay here. She also mentioned that the high school will be completed by January and they will be having an open house.

Chamber Report: Becky Christensen reported the next Mixer will be at Rode Inn on November 18th and there will be a ribbon cutting for the /Round Valley Animal Shelter. November 10th there will be a Veterans' Assembly at Round Valley School District, a parade on the 11th followed by a luncheon at noon. The Christmas Light Parade will be on December 4th. There are several new businesses springing up in Springerville and Eagar.

Ms. Christensen then presented a report with visitors tour statistics and will provide them quarterly, yearly per request. From November 09 the Visitors Center had 7,331 visitors and there were 1,273 tours at Casa Malpais. She reported that 17% of the visitors to the chamber take the Casa tour, 23% of the visitors who took the tour turned in surveys. (Report attached) 59% that took the tour came from Arizona and 12% from California and 5% from Texas which gives her or the chamber an idea of where they need to advertise. She reported that the ad in the 2011 Arizona State magazine is already contracted. She said that people visiting Arizona go to the State website and request an Arizona Visitors Guide. She is hoping once they move back to Main Street the number of visitors will increase again having the museums in one place also hoping to increase the time they stay. She said she needs to advertise in Tucson as that's the majority of the people coming.

Showdown in the Badlands: Crystal Steed reported statistics on the weekend even that went well. She said they had 77 entries with only 4 local, there were 18 vendors eight of which spent the night. There were approximately 1200 people that went through the gate with only about 10-15% local people. She said about 15 rooms were rented out for the event and felt the event stalemated the economy. The event expenses were \$17,326.00. \$6,149 for advertisements, \$15,795.00 was brought in from the event leaving an out of pocket expense of \$1,531.00 which they paid. Next year they would like to expand the event.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Susie Silva/ Ron Thebeau motion to go into a public hearing regarding the use of CDBG funds.

Larisa Bogardus said Community Development Block Grants are shared funding that the Town rotates with Apache County, St. Johns and Eagar every 4 years. The most recent use of these funds were to make handicap restrooms and ramps here at town hall and the , and housing rehab for citizens that met the eligibility requirements. Ms. Bogardus then introduced Isabel Rollins.

Mayor Baca called for a vote of the motion.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Connie Hunt Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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Ms. Rollings briefly described the CDBG application process and explained what types of projects are eligible. She said the town council has the final authority to pick the projects for CDBG. She said up to 18% of the grant should be set aside for administration of the grant. She named some of the previous projects done the town has done are street improvements, senior center improvement ADA improvements, housing rehab building demolitions, and sewer hookups. She said this was a long process and it would be a year before we have the contract with the department of housing and then have an environmental review. November 30th is the deadline for project pre-application forms to be submitted to Larisa.

Sharon Pinckard Senior Center Director gave recommendations from the senior center. Costs for projects are associated with Davis-Bacon Wages

- New roof on the senior center. Cost of approximately \$22,000 - \$1.10 per sq. ft.
- Milling and overlay of existing parking lot and restriping
- Purchase and installation of solar panels at the senior center- Approximately \$80,000.
- Purchase of 15 passenger van-
- Part time 30 hour a week employee up to work up 500 hours to